FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

This week it is hard not to focus on the word gratefulness here at Mary’s Mount. It is especially important during this time of Lent as it allows us to continue to reflect on the importance of being thankful for the many blessings we have in our lives. Lent is also a time of service, where we cease thinking about ourselves and we focus our attention on the wellbeing of others. Pope Francis, someone I truly admire, and from what I have read and seen, a true man of the people, tells us the following:

I love this quote and would love to see us continue to focus on gratefulness with service embedded in our thinking and our actions here at Mary’s Mount. Service is giving to others, often in the form of some kind of work. You consider their needs as important as your own. I know we have spoken about this before but as a community, it is really important that we all support the students in achieving this. Service was the cornerstone of Jesus’ life. That was what he lived by; sacrifice for others, for us.

When I relate the idea of service to our school community, it is pretty easy to see how many things are happening here that can be directly aligned to this. It was clear on Sunday at our ‘Breakfast in the Park’. As I walked around and spoke with parents, I discovered just how grateful our people are here at Mary’s Mount. It also dawned on me that many people spoke with gratefulness, because of the service to others our young P&F and all their helpers had given to the morning. It was amazing how that service was recognised by so many. It is in these events where parents and staff serve for one reason only and that is for the children. On behalf of the whole community I wish to thank the P&F and their team of helpers who committed an enormous amount of time and effort into the event to make it something our children and families will remember for years to come and look forward to in the future. It is in these events where our school spirit comes alive.

The greatest way we show our appreciation for our parents who commit to build these events is by our attendance. I sincerely thank all those families and staff who were able to attend the event, even when the dark clouds were gathering, and to the many families who were there in spirit.

Living a life of service to others is something many people do on a daily basis in their work, with their families and friends. This week, just spend a little time thinking of the amount of things you do in the service of others. I think you will be amazed by what you do that ties into this. During these last few weeks of Lent, it is a perfect opportunity to make this a focus. Once you start thinking about it, you will see how it impacts on your own life and the lives of others. It will come in the form of kindness and generosity. Enjoy the experience and the sense of contributing that will come with this thinking and awareness.

CHILD PROTECTION ALERT

On Friday 20 March an email was sent to all families informing them of an incident which occurred in the Kalamunda area involving a school aged child. PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ THE ATTACHMENT to that email as it contains important information regarding the incident and suggestions on HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE.
SINCERE CONDOLENCES
On behalf of the staff and school community I would like to express Sincere Condolences to the Haines family on the sad passing of their Father and Grandfather and the Houlahan family on the loss of their Uncle. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers at this sad and difficult time.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
A reminder that the Swimming Carnival is on next Thursday 26 March at La Salle College commencing at 10.00am and concluding at approximately 2.00pm

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS
Please see attached the letter regarding these meetings and explaining all the details. Please read this document.

Sincerely Yours
Sandro Coniglio

THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT
One kind word can change someone’s entire day

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Last Sunday’s Gospel Reflection:
In John’s Gospel reading, we hear that God loved the world so much that God gave us Jesus to show us how to live and to help bring us closer to God. God sent his only Son so that all people might believe in God and have eternal life.

The mission of Jesus is to proclaim and teach about God. Through his teachings and actions, Jesus taught about God’s love, peace and justice. In the Gospels, there are many accounts of times when Jesus was moved with love, forgiveness and compassion to respond to people in need. He responded to those who society treated as outcasts and undesirables. The actions of Jesus brought acceptance and healing to people, providing wholeness and hope in their lives.

Clinton Payne
Assistant Principal

BRIGHT SPARKS RECYCLE THEIR BATTERIES AT SCHOOL
The response to this project so far has been great. Please keep those batteries coming. Our first collection date is Monday 23 March. It will be exciting to see the weight on the chart and know how much we are helping our environment.
Calling Past Students and Staff!

Since the opening of Mary’s Mount Primary School in 1921, our school has played a significant part in the education of many young people.

We would like to give these students and families an opportunity to reconnect with the school and as a result we are currently building a register of names and contact details.

If you know of a student, family or staff member who is no longer involved with our school but would like to keep in touch, please let them know that they can visit our website under OUR SCHOOL / PAST STUDENTS and register their contact details.

In 2021 we will be celebrating 100 years of Catholic Education at Mary’s Mount Primary School. We would love for as many people as possible to be a part of this celebration, just as many of you were when we celebrated 90 years in 2011!

School Website:

www.marysmount.wa.edu.au

If you have missed a newsletter or need to check the date of an event, then our school website is the place to go. You will also find archived copies of school newsletters, updates from our P&F, the Term Planner and links to school systems such as EduKite for parents and students.

Yummy Hot X Buns! Orders Close Friday 27 March

Don’t forget to place your order for Hot X Buns from Baker’s Delight Kalamunda.

Orders close Friday 27 March. Order forms were sent home last week, but if you need another one, there are spare forms in the school office.

Please return your order and correct money to the box in the school office.

Delivery date is Tuesday 31 March.

Thank you for supporting Mary’s Mount P&F.

Harmony Day

Mary’s Mount celebrated Harmony Day on Wednesday 18 March.

Thank you to all who participated and dressed in orange.

Please see attached a flyer with more details and photos of the day.

PARISH NEWS

NEW TIME FOR VIGIL MASS– SATURDAYS AT 6.00PM

RECONCILIATION PRIOR TO VIGIL MASS IS 5-15PM TO 5.45PM
Dear Parents & Friends

The P&F committee would like to extend their gratitude to the school community for their generosity, time and effort in making Breakfast in the Park a success!

Despite the weather conditions approximately 600 people attended our annual community event! Thank you to the parent volunteers, student volunteers and teaching staff for your assistance to bringing this event together. It is much appreciated!

Thank you to the family businesses within our school and the local businesses for your generous donations and sponsorship. Your support has not gone unnoticed and we are grateful for your contributions.

This year we were lucky to have our own school choir perform and it is was clear to see how much the crowd enjoyed their performance. Thank you Mr Leeder, school choir and parents for your time!

_The final figure raised will be announced at the P&F meeting on Tuesday 24 March, 9.10am._

Thank you once again to you all for making Breakfast in the Park yet another memorable community event!

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on Tuesday.

*Merrisa McDougall*
P&F President

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On behalf of the parents, students and staff of Mary’s Mount Primary School

a huge THANK YOU to all the businesses and families for their support, sponsorship and donations to Breakfast in the Park 2015

Bendigo Bank — Shire of Kalamunda
Aqua Tots Swimming School—Bakers Delight Kalamunda
Brownes Food Operation Pty Ltd—Bunnings Kalamunda—Coles Kalamunda
Crossiva Poultry Farm—Dawsons Garden World—Dome Kalamunda
D’Orsogna—Efficient Chips—Jason Glass—Getaway Outdoors
Gilbert Fresh Markets Midland—Holy Family Church Kalamunda
IGA Crabb’s Kalamunda—Kalamunda Estate Agency—Kalamunda Lions Club
Kalamunda Newsagency—Kleenheat Kalamunda—Lynch Flower Group
Mazenod College—The Pool Shop Kalamunda
Sanitarium Health Food Company—St Brigid’s College—Trevor’s Truck

Raffle Prizes
Midland Mowers—The Good Guys Midland—Kalamunda Toyota
Allure Body Indulgence—Phoenix Trading (Sarah Griffiths)
Priceline Pharmacy Kalamunda—The Joy of Soy Candles—Tupperware (Frida Payne)

Entertainment
Kalamunda Pipe Band—Keady Upton School of Irish Dance
Mary’s Mount School Choir—Mr Paul Leeder

Community
Kalamunda Volunteer Fire Brigade—Mazenod College Students

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**P&F Easter Raffle**
The P&F are holding their annual Easter raffle.
Whistlers Chocolate Company are very generously donating this year’s raffle prizes. There will be a 1st, 2nd & 3rd prize!
Raffle will be drawn Thursday 2nd of April.
Tickets are $1 or 3 for $2 and will be available from Tuesday morning.
Please send correct money in an envelope with child’s name.
A collection box will be placed at each classroom.

All proceeds benefit the children of Mary’s Mount Primary School

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**Next P&F Meeting**
Tuesday 24 March 2015
9.10am in the Multi-Purpose Room
(St Joseph’s School Hall)

ALL PARENTS & FRIENDS WELCOME

**Meeting Agenda**
Reports: President & Treasurer
Breakfast in the Park
Lapathon
Footy Tipping
Easter Raffle
Mothers Day Stall
P&F Fundraising Objectives 2015

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**P&F Events 2015**

**TERM 2**
Lapathon
Friday 8 May

**TERM 3**
Evening Event
Saturday 29 August
Student Disco
Thursday 24 September

**TERM 4**
Art Show
Friday 13 November
(Dates are subject to change.)

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**Email:** pfmarysmount@gmail.com

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**Hot Cross Buns**
Order forms due back to the school office by Friday 27 March!
Please keep in mind that for the canteen to operate successfully we need helpers. The Term 2 roster is now being looked at so please consider giving up a little of your time to help out and let either the office or canteen ladies know when you will be available.

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Notice of change to PFFWA Constitution

The Parents and Friends Federation of Western Australia is proposing a minor change to their Constitution to alter the number of required general meetings each year from eight (8) to 4 (four). This change will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 27th May.

Rationale for change:
1. The ability to communicate with Councillors between face-to-face meetings has become increasingly easier and more convenient
2. Councillors tend to be active on other committees within their school and community and one less meeting per term makes it easier for them to contribute to their other commitments.
3. It assists both in time away from home and meeting the cost of travel for country-based Councillors
4. It still provides the ability to have more meetings should they be required

A detailed notice of the change can be accessed on our website, [www.pff.wa.edu.au](http://www.pff.wa.edu.au). Should you have any queries, please contact Shelley Hill, PFFWA Executive Officer on 9271 5909 or execoff@pff.wa.edu.au

MAZENOD COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Wednesday 1st April 2015 3.30 to 6.00pm

The Rector, Staff and Students invite you to observe our college in action.

- Tours of the College and Boarding House between 3.30-5.15pm
- Academic and sporting exhibitions
- Jazz bands and ensembles
- Afternoon tea and sausage sizzle

“Learn what you are in the eyes of God”

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Thank you to these businesses for supporting our school.
If you would like to advertise here please contact the school office.

LA SALLE COLLEGE

ENROLMENTS YEAR 7, 2017
Enrolments for Year 7 2017 are now being accepted. For a prospectus and enrolment form please contact La Salle College on 9274 6266 or visit the College website http://www.lasalle.wa.edu.au/enrolments and click on Request Enrolment Package.

OPEN DAY
Tuesday 31 March 2015
Tour times: 9:30am and 1:40pm
We welcome you to view our extensive facilities including the newly opened Br Fitzhardinge Trade Skills Centre. To book your preferred tour time, please contact the Community Relations Department on 9449 0635 or email communityrelations@lasalle.wa.edu.au